

Community Climate Action Email March 2013

Welcome to the latest edition of Community Climate Action, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers.

From the Editor

It's an exciting week! The sun is finally shining (at least some of the time), It's national Climate Week (see section C) and we have lots of exciting local events:

- The **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Week** is happening as I write! A total of 18 events are happening from 2nd-10th March. Find an inspiring eco home in your area to visit: www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes. You'll also have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a free Green Deal Assessment of their home.
- There are **less than 10 places left** on the **Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference** which takes place this Saturday. With inspiring keynote speakers (Ruth Mayne of Low Carbon West Oxford and Jerome Badley of Nottingham Energy Partnership) and an exciting range of workshops from community groups and service providers, this is one not to miss! Book your free place now before they're all gone: 01629 538304 or nicholas.pigula@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the April e-newsletter please send it to us **by Sunday 31st March**: ccan@mea.org.uk.

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Ñ1 Local Events

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day

2nd-10th March, various locations and timings

Visit real eco homes on your own doorstep this spring. Householders across the two counties who have made their homes more eco friendly will open their doors to inspire the public as part of the first ever *Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire EcoHomes Open Week*.

Visitors will be able to see improvements including solar panels, solid wall insulation, a straw bale extension, air source heat pumps, grey water recycling systems, vegetable growing and much more. As well as many ordinary homes, the week also involves the opportunity to visit a community-owned hydro project in Derbyshire; some research eco homes at the University of Nottingham; the Derbyshire Eco Centre, an environmental learning centre near Wirksworth; and the Gloworm training centre in Belper.

Caroline Harmon of Marches Energy Agency, one of the organisations behind the event, said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity to visit real eco homes in your own community and get inspired to make your own home more environmentally friendly and cheaper to heat. It will be a bit like an Open Gardens Day, but householders will be showing off their insulation and solar panels instead of their sunflowers and chrysanthemums!'

Details of houses which are open, and when, are listed on the event's new website: www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes.

Derbyshire Community Foundation Funding Surgery

Bakewell - 22nd April

Organised by the Derbyshire Community Foundation

A half day workshop, providing in depth advice and a background to decision making within the Foundation. An opportunity to discuss your community group's funding requirements.

Book a place: Misbah Ramzan: 01773 514850.

Gedling Funding Fair

March 5th, 2pm-7pm

Richard Herrod Centre Foxhill Road Carlton NG4 1RI

Organised by Gedling CVS

Free

A free event for all voluntary and community groups in the borough of Gedling and beyond who are looking for funding. Come along and discuss your project with representatives from the following advice and grant giving organisations:

The Big Lottery Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council Community and Voluntary Sector Team, Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme, Gedling Homes (administer Community Chest Grants), GCVS (Gedling Community and Voluntary Services), RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire), Gedling Borough Council Leisure and Culture, Heritage Lottery Fund, Sport Nottinghamshire, WREN, Spotted, Youth Music, TSELF Big Issue Trust, Community Accounting Plus.

To register your interest or find out more, contact Gedling CVS on 0115 987 1981 or email info@gedlingcvs.org.uk. Free parking, bar selling drinks and snacks on site.

Awards For All Workshop

6th March, 9.30 for a 10.00 start, to lunchtime (a sandwich lunch is provided)
South Derbyshire CVS

Awards For All makes grants of £300 to £10,000! Come along to this FREE event and find out all you need to know. Matthew Rowe from the BIG Lottery will be delivering a workshop about Awards For All. Aimed at local voluntary groups who are in process of applying, or thinking about doing so, this event will give an overview of Awards For All, and increase understanding of:

- Who can apply
- What makes an application fundable.
- Common errors and how to avoid them.
- What kinds of projects/activities are fundable.
- What issues BIG considers when assessing applications.
- How to make a good application to maximise chances of success
- What applications should be directed to a different Lottery distributor

To book a place at this event contact Eric Clayton: 01283 817415 /
ericc@sdcvs.org.uk

www.awardsforall.org.uk

Derbyshire Community Climate Action Network Conference

9th March, 9:45am-4:15pm
Derbyshire Eco Centre

A free one-day conference for individuals and community group members in Derbyshire who are working to tackle climate change.

Keynote Speakers: Ruth Mayne of Low Carbon West Oxford and Jerome Badley of Nottingham Energy Partnership.

Workshops include:

- Working with your local council: a group's perspective
- Improving the energy efficiency of community buildings
- Community growing projects.
- DE4 Food project
- Running a small business with the environment in mind
- Fundraising Through Potato Days
- Local Transport Projects
- Engaging with the Green Deal and ECO
- Working with your local council: a council's perspective
- Voluntary Energy Assessors
- How to find funding for your group
- Building Climate Resilient Communities in Derbyshire
- Tour of the Derbyshire Eco Centre

A great opportunity to network with others in the area who are taking action. Book your free place: 01629 538304 or nicholas.pigula@derbyshire.gov.uk.

A full list of workshops and description is available on our website: www.everybodys-talking.org/news/derbyshire-community-climate-action-conference-full-workshop-list-announced

Chellaston & Alvaston Free Energy Efficiency Workshops

Chellaston – 14th March, 5:30pm – 7pm, Chellaston Library

Alvaston – 21st March, 5:30pm-7pm, Alvaston Library

Organised by Derby City Council

Derby Home Energy Advice would like to invite Chellaston and Alvaston residents to some free energy efficiency workshops. Aimed at helping you to save energy and reduce your energy costs, the practical workshop will help you to gain an understanding of:

- your energy use and bills
- heating systems and controls
- how to carry out a basic home energy survey
- practical measures you can take to reduce your energy bills and keep warm

To book your place or for more information on how to improve the energy efficiency of your home contact Derby City Council's Home Energy Advice Service on 01332 640810, minicom 01332 640666 or email: energy.adviceteam@derby.gov.uk.

Lambing Workshops for Smallholders

20th & 27th April, both days: 12pm-6pm

Woodside Nature Reserve, Ilkeston

Organised by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
£35

A one-day course for people interested in learning to raise sheep on smallholdings. The reserve's Jacob ewes will be lambing at this time so this is a great opportunity to get some hands-on training. Participants will learn how to handle pregnant ewes, how to identify signs of lambing, feeding, and much more.

Booking is required as numbers are strictly limited. To find out more and to book contact Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on 01773 881188 or visit www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk.

Green Deal Mobile Exhibition

St Peters St, Derby City Centre, 6th March
Mansfield, 7th March

Ikea Way, Giltbrook Retail Park (location of Ikea Nottingham), 8th March

West Bridgford Farmers Market, 9th March

Worksop Town Hall, 20th March

B&Q Car Park, Chesterfield, 22nd March

More dates to follow

A new mobile exhibition showcasing energy efficiency measures. The Green Deal and ECO funding is about to go on tour in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Fantastic Home will offer advice on Green Deal-fundable measures including solid wall insulation, boilers and renewables. It will also carry information about the Energy Company Obligation and simple energy efficiency measures which we can all take.

The exhibition features a van which looks like a thermal-imaged house, a Watt Bike which can be pedalled to generate energy, a Thermal Imaging Camera and displays about energy efficiency.

Open Up Green Buildings Weekend Peak District

Various venues in the Peak District

8th June 2013

Organised by Friends of the Peak District

Come and be inspired as home and business property owners across the Peak District open their doors to the public and showcase how they have greened their buildings with renewable energy and sustainability technologies.

Friends of the Peak District has developed this Open Up weekend as part of a project to change perceptions and encourage the take up of small scale renewable energy technologies and other sustainability features within the Peak District. The weekend will showcase pioneering efforts by home owners, farms, rural businesses and communities in the Peak District that have installed green technology. It will also be an opportunity for people to share

knowledge and experiences of how it is possible and affordable. From solar panels, biomass boilers and micro hydro power turbines there will be plenty to see!

if you would like more information or have a property that you would like to showcase as part of this project you can contact Andy Tickle: 0114 279 2655 / Andy@cprepeakandyorks.org.uk.

Ñ1 Local News

Switch 'n' Save

Nottinghamshire County Council has launched an energy tariff switching service to help people pool their buying power. Energy suppliers will be invited to offer a special discount deal to scheme members. By pooling your buying power with other people, you could save up to £200 a year on an average bill of £1,300. The more people that join, the bigger the likely savings for everyone.

From 12th February you'll be able to register for the scheme online: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/switchnsave/ or you can visit one of Nottinghamshire County Council's Customer Service Points where an advisor will help you complete the 'Switch 'n' Save form. You will need to have your most recent electricity and gas bill to hand when you register.

The registration period closes on Wednesday 20 March and energy suppliers will make their offers soon after that. You'll get an email that shows the best deal available on your gas and electricity. There's no obligation to take it up but if you do you'll be taken seamlessly through the process of switching supplier to get the better deal.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/switchnsave/

Derbyshire Big Deals

Derbyshire County Council is also launching a switching scheme: Derbyshire Big Deals. This will make it easier for local people to cut their bills by switching energy companies. It works by bringing people together to pool their buying power to get the best price. It's based on an idea pioneered in the Netherlands where people saved up to £200 a year on an average bill of £1,300.

Register your interest on our website and when the scheme goes live we'll let you know and ask for a few more details. Then when enough people have said they'll join – we're hoping for 5,000 – we'll strike a deal with an energy company. There's nothing to lose and it's completely free to register. You choose whether to take up the offer from the energy supplier. And if you do opt to change, we'll make the process of switching easy.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/derbyshire_big_deals/default.asp

Wildlife Trust Meat Boxes

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are offering meat boxes, on a limited basis, from their Woodside Farm near Ilkeston. The farm has a flock of Jacob ewes and Highland beef cattle. The aim is to produce good quality meat products on a farm which demonstrates good conservation practices. The profits will enable the trust to invest further in habitat management and conservation work, improving the reserve for wildlife and visitors.

www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/woodside-farm

Ñ1 National News

Climate Week – 4th-10th March

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Culminating in a week of activities, it showcases practical solutions from every sector of society. Each year, half a million people attend 3,000 events in Britain's biggest ever environmental occasion. Events are run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others. You can help accelerate action on climate change by making Climate Week happen where you are. Ask an organisation or group you know to start planning an activity now for Climate Week in March 2013.

www.climateweek.com

SuperHomes Week – 16th-24th March

Pioneering owners of some of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes will host free Open Days in March. SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and far fewer carbon emissions - at least 60% less! Achieving such a high standard requires major home improvements. In short, this is a chance to see eco renovation at its impressive best. Visitors can expect to come away with plenty of ideas for greening their own properties. They'll also gain a better understanding of the home improvements now eligible for Green Deal finance.

Most SuperHomes have superior insulation; many have alternative heating sources and some produce their own energy. Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and post-war properties are amongst those open to the public. Visitors will learn more about both the benefits and challenges of eco renovation. SuperHomers are genuine early adopters who can speak from experience.

www.superhomes.org.uk

Grants for Planting Trees

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment, has announced that its

Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications.

Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in tree planting projects during National Tree Week 2013 (23rd November to 1st December 2013).

The Tree Council can fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

The closing date for applications is the 30th April 2013. Read more at: www.treecouncil.org.uk

Thanks to everyone who provided items for this newsletter. If you have any events or news you would like to be included in future newsletters please send the details to: ccan@mea.org.uk. You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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